

ROOSEVELT THEIR HERO.

HE BECOMES A ROUGH RIDER AGAIN

**Tumultuous Welcome Given to the Colonel
by the People of New Mexico—Wel-
comed with Songs, Cheers and Speeches
—His Address to the Rough Riders.**

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 24.—Gov.
Roosevelt reached Las Vegas at 1:30 o'clock
this afternoon and received the greatest ovation

tion the people of Las Vegas have ever given any visitor. The gallant leader of the Rough Riders is not treated as a visitor, however, but was made one of the citizens from the very moment of his arrival on New Mexican soil. Thousands of people from all parts of the great Southwest are here to make him welcome, and the town has not worn such a gala attire for years. A reception committee of Rough Riders and citizens went to Wagon Mound, on a special train, this morning and

met the Colonel and his party there.

Col. Roosevelt and his party occupied the special car of Third Vice-President Paul Morton of the Santa Fe route and arrived at Wagon Mound at 11:55 A. M. Children of that town were at the station with flags, and at command lined up alongside the train on its arrival. Col. Roosevelt stepped out of the train onto the platform and rush into the crowd of his troopers, citizens and the school children. Between the exclamations of pleasure on seeing his boys in Khaki uniforms and between the hearty grasps of everybody's hand that was pushed in his way Col. Roosevelt joined the New Mexican children in singing "America." They sang it in English, too, for New Mexico is proud of the fact that it has one of the best schools in the country.

"I'm delighted to see you," "This is one of the proudest days of my life," "How are you,

There was little formality about the reception. Gov. Otero welcomed the Governor of New York to this Territory, but it was not with a formal speech. Handshaking continued until the train was pulling out, and Col. Roosevelt was one of those who had to run to catch it. Ceremony and introductions all around were completed on the train, and then Col. Roosevelt rushed to his stateroom.

"Civilian's clothes don't go here," he said, and so he proceeded to get into his Khaki

uniform with haste. Soon he emerged and was greeted by Lieut. Devereaux, who acted as factotum, with the remark: "The same old thing."

Roosevelt replied: "This is destructive of all discipline to allude to your Colonel as 'the same old thing.'"

Then pulling down his blouse and leaning forward with fire in his eyes, as if San Juan were to be fought over again, he exclaimed: "Now I feel like telling you fellows to scatter and give them hell. Scatter! Git!"

Turning to Parson Uzzell of Denver he said: "I don't usually swear, but this is a great

Ex-Gov. Adams of Colorado then handed Col. Roosevelt a letter from Gov. Thomas of Colorado, in which he extended his compliments and regretted that he could not come to Las Vegas himself to extend the invitation to return. Last by way of Colorado, which Gov. Adams forthwith extended. Time passed most hastily from Wagon Round to Las Vegas, as the Col. and his household and his guests, including the author, talked of the historical events which the Rough Riders had been called on to make. Roosevelt

spent much of the time on the rear platform chatting with the officers and men of the hardships and happy issue of the Santiago campaign. There was only one enlisted trooper on the train. He was Trooper Durand of Socorro. All the others were officers, and Lieut. Beveridge said it was a milk white flag race.

Col. Roosevelt, in conversation with ex-Gov. Adams, paid the First Colorado Regiment in the Philipines a high tribute:

"I am proud of every man in that regiment," he said earnestly, "and wish every one of Uncle Sam's soldiers was as brave."

At the R.R. station at Manila, with cheering he inspired the citizens with a short, rousing speech.

speech, especially praising the new 48th squadron for its gallantry in action and expressing his high appreciation of the regard attached to the gift made to him by the citizens of El Paso who assembled to welcome him to New Mexico. The gift was a beautiful arch of red and white carnations over

When the Colonel reached here he was greeted with cheers three times three by admirers who crowded the station platform, streets and balconies. The Colonel was escorted to the Hotel Castania for a short rest from the trip. Those with Roosevelt on the special besides Vice-President Morton of the Santa Fe were Capt. E. C. Day of

Five thousand people assembled at the station gave Roosevelt a royal welcome. His

The crowd was quick to recognize Roosevelt, and immediately surged toward him. By this time Roosevelt had alighted from the car

and was busily engaged in shaking hands. The crowd pressed so closely that it seemed as though he would be lifted off his feet and carried off bodily.

Col. Roosevelt and his party made their way slowly down the sidewalk until they arrived in front of the line of Rough Riders. The boys broke into an enthusiastic cheer, and Col. Roosevelt on his part began vigorously shaking hands.

Supreme satisfaction was shown in every line of his countenance. It fairly radiated

With joy, Roosevelt eventually was in a rough Rider again. It seemed as if he couldn't shake hands fast enough.

"I glad to be with you boys," he exclaimed. "I wouldn't have missed this for anything."

Even the most joyful moments must end, Gov. and Roosevelt finally made his way to the Castaneda Hotel.

At the business meeting of the Rough Riders Association, held late this afternoon, Okla-

homa City was chosen as the place of holding the reunion a year hence. Colorado Springs was the only other contestant. Col. Roosevelt was chosen as honorary Vice-President of the association for life. Col. Brodley was re-elected President; Lieut. Daine of Cerrillos, N. M., Secretary and Treasurer; Capt. W. H. H. Lawell of Las Cruces, First Vice-President; Lieut. Goodrich of Ohio, Second Vice-President; Gov. Utter of

The Committee on By-Laws was later in the session instructed to hereafter restrict honorary memberships to men engaged in actual war.

Just at this time I would not have left New York State for any purpose save to attend the reunion of my old regiment, and for that purpose I would have gone to Alaska or anywhere else, for the bond that unites us to one another is as close as any bond of human

friendship. And it was our good fortune to be among those awarded when the country called to arms a large last spring, and when ten volunteers were very anxious that could be chosen. I think I may say that because I knew that the regiment did not duty in every way and that it seemed to expect for honorable pride not only as regards the members themselves, but the country at large. I am proud of you because you never complained and never flinched. When you went to war

you knew you would not have an easy time; you expected to encounter hardships and you took them without a murmur. You were all readiness to learn and to show that promise

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